MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY
HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Flammini, Taylor, Bennett, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

(a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES of a Workshop/Special Meeting held on December 17, 2007 at 4:13 P.M.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on December 17, 2007 at 5:40 P.M.; approval of a Regular Meeting held on December 18, 2007 at 7:03 P.M.; and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on December 18, 2007 at 8:02 P.M.

(b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: City Clerks Monthly Report, December 2007; Accounts & Finance Departmental Report, November/December 2007

(c) BILLS: Vouchers 100007 through 100099 drawn on National City Bank, $1,850,489.13; Vouchers 100100 through 100101 drawn on National City Bank, $1,196.00; Total: $1,851,685.13

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE/OPEN FIRES & BURNING

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (08-0-1) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Section 34-58 regarding open fires and burning of appropriate materials for recreational fires. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

2321 GIDEON AVENUE/SPECIAL USE/MULTI-FAMILY

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (08-0-2) be passed granting a Special Use Permit for continuation of multi-family use at 2321 Gideon Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE/NOTIFICATION OF ZONING ISSUES

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (08-0-3) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Section 102-236 regarding zoning changes for application, notification and posting requirements. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.
APPOINTMENT FOR POLICE DEPUTY CHIEF

A memo (08-DOC-1) was received from Chief Booth, considering an appointment for Deputy Chief of Police, and requesting permission to authorize the Fire and Police Commission to appoint the next eligible candidates for Police Lieutenant and Sergeant. Chief Booth recommended the appointment of Lt. Wayne Brooks for Deputy Chief, filling the vacancy for retiring Deputy Chief Dwight Ower.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to appoint Lt. Wayne Brooks as Deputy Chief of Police, effective January 7, 2008, and to grant permission to appoint a Lieutenant and Sergeant in the Police Department from the Fire and Police Commission’s eligibility list. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council agreed to conduct a Workshop on January 15, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. to discuss strategic planning for Zion’s eastside.

- January 8  Last day for Voter Registration prior to Primary Election
- January 14  Early Voting starts at City Hall and County Clerk’s Office
- January 15  6:30 pm Township Board Meeting
  7:00 pm Regular City Council Meeting
- January 21  City Offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 31  Last day for Early Voting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase and sale of real estate, and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:03 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved January 15, 2008